

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARSHALL LOSKOT,)	NO. CIV. S-04-1960 GEB PAN
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	<u>STATUS (PRETRIAL</u>
)	<u>SCHEDULING) ORDER</u>
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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA dba)	
REDDING PATHOLOGISTS LABORATORY; FIRST)	
RED BLUFF, L.L.C.; and DOES 1)	
through 10,)	
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Defendants.)	
_____)	

The status (pretrial scheduling) conference scheduled in this case for June 20, 2005, is vacated since the joint status report submitted by the parties obviates the need for the conference. The following order issues based on the parties' joint status report and available dates.

SERVICE OF PROCESS

No further service is permitted, except with leave of Court, good cause having been shown.

1 JOINDER OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES/AMENDMENT

2 No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings is
3 permitted except with leave of Court, good cause having been shown.

4 DISCOVERY

5 (a) All discovery shall be completed by March 24, 2006. In
6 this context, "completed" means that all discovery shall have been
7 conducted so that all depositions have been taken and any disputes
8 relative to discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate orders,
9 if necessary, and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has
10 been complied with or, alternatively, the time allowed for such
11 compliance shall have expired.¹

12 (b) Each party shall comply with Federal Rule of Civil
13 Procedure 26(a)(2)'s initial expert witness disclosure and report
14 requirements on or before December 23, 2005, and with the rebuttal
15 expert disclosures authorized under the Rule on or before January 23,
16 2006.

17 MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE

18 The last hearing date for motions shall be May 24, 2006, at
19 9:00 a.m.²

20 All purely legal issues are to be resolved by timely
21 pretrial motions. Motions shall be filed in accordance with Local
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23 ¹ The parties are advised that the Magistrate Judges in the
24 Eastern District are responsible for resolving discovery disputes. See
25 Local Rule 72-302(c)(1). Accordingly, counsel shall direct all
26 discovery-related matters to the Magistrate Judge assigned to this case.
A party conducting discovery near the discovery "completion" date runs
the risk of losing the opportunity to have a jurist resolve discovery
motions pursuant to the Local Rules.

27 ² This time deadline does not apply to motions for continuances,
28 temporary restraining orders, emergency applications, or motions under
Rule 16(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

1 Rule 78-230(b). Opposition papers shall be filed in accordance with
2 Local Rule 78-230(c). Failure to comply with this local rule may be
3 deemed consent to the motion and the Court may dispose of the motion
4 summarily. Brydges v. Lewis, 18 F.3d 651, 652-53 (9th Cir. 1994).
5 Further, failure to timely oppose a summary judgment motion may result
6 in the granting of that motion if the movant shifts the burden to the
7 nonmovant to demonstrate a genuine issue of material fact remains for
8 trial. Cf. Marshall v. Gates, 44 F.3d 722 (9th Cir. 1995). When the
9 last day for filing an opposition brief falls on a legal holiday, the
10 opposition brief shall be filed on the next court day immediately
11 following the legal holiday. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a).

12 Any party bringing a motion to dismiss, motion for summary
13 judgment or summary adjudication, motion for judgment on the
14 pleadings, or motion to remand shall attach to the motion a copy of
15 the latest complaint (or cross-complaint where applicable).

16 In determining any motion for summary judgment, the Court
17 will assume that the material facts as claimed in the movant's
18 Statement of Undisputed Facts and adequately supported by evidence are
19 admitted without controversy except to the extent that such material
20 facts are (1) disputed in the nonmovant's response to the movant's
21 "Statement of Undisputed Facts," and (2) controverted by declaration
22 or other written evidence filed in opposition to the motion. See L.R.
23 56-260(b); Nilsson, Robbin, et al., v. Louisiana Hydrolec, 854 F.2d
24 1538, 1545 (9th Cir. 1988). A party opposing a motion for summary
25 judgment must serve upon all parties and file with the Clerk of Court
26 the evidence upon which the opposing party will rely in opposition to
27 the motion fourteen days before the scheduled hearing date. L.R. 78-
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230(c), 56-260. Evidence not timely filed by a party will not be considered. See Marshall v. Gates, 44 F.3d at 725.

Absent highly unusual circumstances, reconsideration of a motion is appropriate only where:

(1) The Court is presented with newly discovered evidence that could not have reasonably been discovered prior to the filing of the party's motion or opposition papers;

(2) The Court committed clear error or the initial decision was manifestly unjust; or

(3) There is an intervening change in controlling law. A motion for reconsideration based on newly discovered evidence shall set forth, in detail, the reason why said evidence could not have reasonably been discovered prior to the filing of the party's motion or opposition papers. Motions for reconsideration shall comply with Local Rule 78-230(k) in all other respects.

The parties are reminded that motions in limine are procedural devices designed to address the admissibility of evidence and are cautioned that the Court will look with disfavor upon motions³ presented at the final pretrial conference or at trial in the guise of motions in limine. The parties are further cautioned that if any legal issue which should have been tendered to the Court by proper pretrial motion requires resolution by the Court after the established law and motion cut-off date, substantial sanctions may be assessed for the failure to file the appropriate pretrial motion and/or the Court may elect not to decide the motion and to treat it as untimely. See U.S. Dominator, Inc. v. Factory Ship Robert E. Resoff, 768 F.2d 1099,

³ Such motions include contentions under the collateral estoppel or res judicata doctrines.

1 1104 (9th Cir. 1985) (affirming district court's denial of untimely
2 motion since "pretrial order controls the subsequent course of action
3 unless modified by a subsequent order"), rejected on other grounds,
4 Simpson v. Lear Astronics Corp., 77 F.3d 1170, 1174 (9th Cir. 1995);
5 Dedge v. Kendrick, 849 F.2d 1398 (11th Cir. 1988) (same).

6 FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

7 The final pretrial conference is set for July 26, 2005, at
8 1:30 p.m. The parties are cautioned that the lead attorney who WILL
9 TRY THE CASE for each party shall attend the final pretrial
10 conference. In addition, all persons representing themselves and
11 appearing in propria persona must attend the pretrial conference.

12 The parties shall file a JOINT pretrial statement with the
13 Court not later than seven (7) days prior to the final pretrial
14 conference.⁴ The Court uses the parties' joint pretrial statement to
15 prepare its final pretrial order. The final pretrial order supersedes
16 the pleadings and controls the facts and issues which may be presented
17 at trial. Issues asserted in pleadings which are not preserved for
18 trial in the final pretrial order cannot be raised at trial. Hotel
19 Emp., et al. Health Tr. v. Elks Lodge 1450, 827 F.2d 1324, 1329 (9th
20 Cir. 1987) ("Issues not preserved in the pretrial order are eliminated
21 from the action.").

22 The following provisions of Local Rule 16-281 shall apply
23 with respect to the matters to be included in the joint pretrial
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25 ⁴ The failure of one or more of the parties to participate in
26 the preparation of any joint document required to be filed in this case
27 does not excuse the other parties from their obligation to timely file
28 the document in accordance with this Order. In the event a party fails
to participate as ordered, the party timely submitting the document
shall include a declaration explaining why it was unable to obtain the
cooperation of the other party or parties.

statement: (b)(1), (b)(2),⁵ (b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(9), (b)(10),
(b)(11),⁶ (b)(12) to and including (b)(21), and (c).

The subject matter in Local Rule 16-281(b)(4), (b)(7), and
(b)(8) shall be combined in a single section titled "Factual, Legal
and/or Equitable Contentions."⁷ In the "Factual, Legal and/or
Equitable Contentions" section, the parties shall number or
alphabetize each individually-pled cause of action and pled
affirmative defense to preserve the issue for trial. **Each pled claim
or affirmative defense must be accompanied by the elemental facts
supporting it and the relief sought, if applicable. For example:
Plaintiff claims that Defendant violated her Fourth Amendment right to
be free from excessive force by applying the handcuffs too tight and
seeks general damages.** If the parties disagree about the inclusion of
an issue in this section, that issue shall be followed by the title
"Controversy", under which the parties' respective positions on the
issue shall be stated. The parties are warned that the "Factual,

⁵ In this section of the joint pretrial statement the parties
must specify what the judge is expected to decide and what the jury is
expected to decide. For instance, if the judge is expected to make a
ruling after the jury decides factual disputes, the factual issues to be
submitted to the jury shall be specified.

⁶ In separate attachments to the joint pretrial statement each
party shall list all witnesses and each exhibit individually that the
party intends to offer at trial. Plaintiff's exhibits shall be listed
numerically; defendant's exhibits shall be listed alphabetically.

⁷ If there are no legal or equitable contentions, the title
shall reflect only what is at issue. The requirement in (b)(8) is
modified since a party only needs to state sufficient law to show
viability of an issue. But it must be clear whether precise federal or
state law governs. If state law governs, the state whose law is
applicable must be specified. Since the governing law is stated in
conjunction with the elemental facts to establish a pled claim or
defense, there is no need for a separate statement of disputed factual
issues required by (b)(4). The relief sought, referenced in (b)(7),
shall follow the issue or issues giving rise to that relief.

1 Legal and/or Equitable Contentions" section of the joint pretrial
2 statement could be used to specify the issues preserved for trial in
3 the pretrial order, and that order could issue without the court
4 holding the scheduled final pretrial conference. See Mizwicki v.
5 Helwig, 196 F.3d 828, 833 (7th Cir. 1999) ("There is no requirement
6 that the court hold a pretrial conference."). **Thus, if an issue is**
7 **omitted from this section of the joint pretrial statement, it is**
8 **waived, even if it appears in the pleadings.** Valley Ranch Dev. Co. v.
9 F.D.I.C., 960 F.2d 550, 554 (5th Cir. 1992) (indicating that an issue
10 omitted from the pretrial order is waived, even if it appeared in the
11 pleading); cf. Raney v. District of Columbia, 892 F. Supp. 283 (D.D.C.
12 1995) (refusing to modify the pretrial order to allow assertion of a
13 previously-pled statute of limitations defense); Olympia Co., Inc. v.
14 Celotex Corp., 597 F. Supp. 285, 289 (E.D. La. 1984) (indicating that
15 "[a]ny factual contention, legal contention, any claim for relief or
16 defense in whole or in part, or affirmative matter not set forth in
17 [the pretrial statement] shall be deemed . . . withdrawn,
18 notwithstanding the contentions of any pleadings or other papers
19 previously filed [in the action]").

20 The parties are further warned that "since [the] process [of
21 having them delineate trial issues] is designed to promote efficiency
22 and conserve judicial resources, 'there is no reason to require that
23 the elimination of non-trialworthy claims await a formal motion for
24 summary judgment.'" Berkovitz v. Home Box Office, Inc., 89 F.3d 24,
25 29 (1st Cir. 1996). "If the pretrial [statement] discloses that no
26 material facts are in dispute and that the undisputed facts entitle
27 one of the parties to judgment as a matter of law," the Court may
28 summarily dispose of the case or issue. Portsmouth Square v.

1 Shareholders Protective Comm., 770 F.2d 866, 868-69 (9th Cir. 1985)
2 (emphasis added).

3 If possible, at the time of filing the joint Pretrial
4 Statement counsel shall also email it in a format compatible with
5 WordPerfect to: geborders@caed.uscourts.gov.

6 TRIAL SETTING

7 Trial is set for October 31, 2006, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

8 MISCELLANEOUS

9 The parties are reminded that pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.
10 16(b), the Status (pretrial scheduling) Order **shall not be modified**
11 **except by leave of Court upon a showing of good cause. Counsel are**
12 **cautioned that a mere stipulation by itself to change dates does not**
13 **constitute good cause.**

14 OBJECTIONS TO STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER

15 Any party may, within ten (10) court days after the date
16 this Order is filed, file and serve written objections to any part of
17 this Order. Any objection must specify the requested correction,
18 addition, and/or deletion. Any response to an objection must be filed
19 and served within ten (10) court days after the objection is filed.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: June 8, 2005

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23 /s/ Garland E. Burrell, Jr.
24 GARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.
United States District Judge
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